

September 26, 2006

Chairperson and Members of the
Parks, Recreation and Community
Resources Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting of
October 3, 2006

Clark Field Allocation

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission make a Field Use Policy recommendation to the City Council.

Background

Clark Field remains the only lighted field in the City and demand for its use far outweighs availability. There are three primary user groups: Hermosa Beach Little League; AYSO Region 18; and City of Hermosa Beach Adult Softball League. All user groups received a letter from the Community Resources Department inviting them to attend a public meeting with the Commissioners to voice their concerns regarding the allocation of Clark Field (Attachment A).

The Hermosa Beach Little League submitted a letter of request to the Hermosa Beach City Council to utilize Clark Field on a full-time basis Sunday through Saturday during the months of February through July and part-time use September through November 2 nights per week and Sundays (Attachment B). The request has been made to accommodate their expanding league. Accommodation of the request would alter field allocation processes and diminish usage by the Adult Softball League and AYSO Region 18 youth soccer teams.

Current field allocation is as follows: During traditional Soccer season, September through December, AYSO holds a 'blanket permit' for Clark Field. The organization has primary usage of each field seven days per week, Monday through Sunday from 8AM-10PM. The same applies to Little League during traditional baseball season, March through July. The only exception is 8 hours per week, Sunday and Wednesday evenings 6PM-10PM, which is allocated to the City adult softball program.

Policy alternatives for Commission consideration:

- A. Accommodate the request from Little League.
- B. Allocate Clark Field for youth only; eliminating adult softball, while preserving priority allocation for AYSO during its season.
- C. Maintain field allocation as-is.

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Notification Letter to User Groups
- B. Little League Letter to City Council
- C. User Group Data: Weekly Field Use and annual revenue

Respectfully Submitted,

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